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The Song of Hope

"A sweeter song my soul has heard
Than angel anthem, lay of bird.

"It cheers my heart in storm and night,
And makes both storm and darkness bright.

"The sweetest song that comes to me—
The Song of Hope—It may yet be!

"Is winter here? Have song birds fled?
They have but flown; they are not dead.

"The snows will melt, and with the spring
The birds return on joyous wing;

"The flowers that faded long ago
Will bloom again in summer's glow.

"So faces that have vanished here
In heaven's bright morn will reappear.

"Sweet voices that are hushed and still
Will there again our spirits thrill.

"Hope may have flown, but not for aye,
True hope will live a deathless day.

"Above the clouds, beyond the night,
Faith soars and sings in living light.

"There comes the sweetest song to me,
The Song of Hope—It yet shall be!"

—Selected.

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end," Heb. 6:11.

NOTICES

From the Field

I have just completed a get-acquainted visit to each district in the state and I am highly pleased with the outlook for the work in the state this year. I met a splendid band of ministers in the ministers' meeting and arranged for the get-acquainted visit while there. The ministers in the state of North Carolina are full of zeal and seem to want to do real work for the Lord and His Church this year. From what I have seen in my visits over the state, I have great faith and confidence that we are going to have a good report for next Assembly. Many of the pastors have already begun their work on the program for the year, and I am surprised at the results in such short time. There is a real spirit of missions getting hold on all of us and I am expecting the greatest yet from North Carolina.

I notice in the Evangel that many states are taking quite an interest in working for the Evangel and I trust North Carolina will not be a whit behind. Come on, brethren, let's pile the subscriptions into Headquarters until all will take note.

I am certainly pleased with the way our young people are working. They are doing things under the wise leadership of Brother Ralph Williams. He is a good organizer and a booster for the work in general. Brother Ralph has been a great help to me in my visits over the state. In fact, I hardly see how I could have made it without him. Surely we have met with a great people here and they have extended to us a most hearty welcome. I feel very grateful to each one, and remember, brethren, if at any time I can be of assistance to you, I am at your service.—E. M. Ellis, overseer of North Carolina.

Greetings to our friends in Maryland, Delaware, Eastern Virginia and everywhere.

This is to let the churches in our respective states know of our whereabouts and plans. We have recently returned from the Northwest and are settled in our new home and will soon be on the field to work for the Lord. The ministers' meeting was a success and plans were made for a great year, and with the help of the Lord we can put it across for God, and we mean to.

A copy of the ministers' meeting will be sent to each pastor, clerk and church. We plan to visit each church as soon as possible and get acquainted with our program as well as with each other.

We have a great Evangel subscription drive on and our goal is an Evangel in every home. Our motto is "Read the Evangel." Get the habit, read the Evangel.

My father, Rev. D. E. Boatwright, will act as state evangelist and is in a great revival at Baltimore, Md. God is blessing in a marvelous way. From there he will go to Easton, Md. Pray that God will give each church a great stirring.

Remember we are here to serve the church in any way possible.—D. C. Boatwright, 707 Maryland Ave. Extd., Cambridge, Md.

We will give a free Testament to anyone not having one and promising to read it every day by sending a two-cent stamp to help mailing.—Gospel Crusaders, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ammon, Hot Springs, N. Mex.

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I am devoting my full time to evangelistic work.—H. P. Stump, evangelist, 413 Keen St., Danville, Va.

If Brady Tharpe, formerly of Perry, Fla., sees this, please write to Esther Holland, Box 64, Sevierville, Tenn.

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EXHORTERS, your license should be sent to your respective state overseers for renewal.

BISHOPS, it is not necessary for you to send in your license for renewal.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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Watch This Man

His state was a winner last year.

He is now over another state.

Guess Who!

Last week's picture: J. D. Bright,
Overseer of Tennessee.

An Interview With the Secretary of State

Mr. Hull Promises Aid in Haitian Disruption

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

THROUGH the highly appreciated cooperation of our ministers (who secured more than 36,500 signatures of members and friends of the Church of God, including approximately 2,000 city, state and national officials) and through the direct assistance of Congressman Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina, and Estes Kefauver (who represents our Third Congressional District, including Chattanooga and Cleveland), Colonel Charles S. Mayfield and I were privileged to appear in person before the Honorable Cordell Hull, that great statesman—doubtless as great as is living today. One is convinced of his greatness by meeting him and realizing his great responsibility and seeing how unswervingly he stands for right in the midst of this, the most perilous time in the history of the world.

Frankly, I was most deeply impressed with his kindly spirit and his courageous yet friendly disposition, being able to understand and sympathize with us in our need. I feel safer about our Government since knowing we have such outstanding characters at its head as the Honorable Cordell Hull.

The Conference

After the greeting, Congressman Joseph R. Bryson and Congressman Estes Kefauver introduced Colonel Charles S. Mayfield and myself. The conversation which followed is given in part below:

Mr. Hull: Have seats, gentlemen. Well, how has it been with you lately?

One of the Congressmen: Very well, thank you.

Mr. Hull: I mean under the circumstances. It has been mighty stormy here.

One of the Congressmen: We realize that you must have a tremendous responsibility here lately.

Mr. Hull: Yes.

Mr. Mayfield: Judge Hull, we have come to you on a matter concerning the Church of God's churches being closed in Haiti, a matter of which we wrote you sometime ago.

Mr. Hull: Yes, I remember about that.

Mr. Mayfield: Rev. Walker has a petition to which he has secured over 36,500 signatures, representing a constituency in forty-one states, containing approximately 2,000 city and state officials, among whom are Congressman Joseph Bryson, of South Carolina; Senator Tom Stewart, of Tennessee; Congressman Kefauver, of Tennessee; Governor Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia; Governor J. W. Broughton, of North Carolina; and mayors of some

of our prominent cities, including Mayor Ed Bass, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mayor Walter Chandler, of Memphis; Mayor Stewart, of Cincinnati; Mayor John Connors, of East St. Louis; the mayors of Dallas, Texas, and Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Hull broke in with: That is very nice and impressive.

Mr. Mayfield: The Church of God now has a membership of some 80,000 and missions in many foreign countries. There was a time, however, when they were looked down upon, ridiculed; but that day is past. They are respected. In fact, they are the most respected church in our city for the things they are doing. They have taken men who were considered of no account and have made respectable citizens of them—

Congressman Bryson, adding: That is especially true from our district in South Carolina, too, Mr. Hull.

Mr. Mayfield, continuing: Recently they have built a nice beautiful new brick orphanage on their farm just two or three miles south of Cleveland.

Congressman Kefauver, adding: Yes, I have seen the new home. It is a large beautiful home.

Mr. Mayfield: Since the United States has demonstrated its interest in religious liberty in Russia, I presume that our Government is particularly interested in religious liberties and freedom of worship for our people.

Mr. Hull: Yes, indeed, we are!

Mr. Mayfield: In Haiti they have closed 75—

Mr. Walker: 145 churches and outstations.

Mr. Mayfield, continuing: 145 churches and missions have been closed, prohibiting about 15,000 converts the privilege of religious worship, without an opportunity to prove its innocence. Some of them have been arrested and thrown into jail without a trial. Since closing the churches they have arrested ten members, two of whom they have acquitted. Eight were even sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine equivalent to \$80. Eighty dollars, when taken in consideration of the fact that the Haitians receive less than \$1 a year per capita, means almost a lifetime imprisonment to some of them.

Mr. Hull: Yes! What did you say

about two of them?

Mr. Mayfield: They were acquitted.

One of these men was sitting by the door of his house reading his Bible when an accuser came along and said, "What are you reading that book for? Don't you know all your church doors are closed?"

The man answered, "Yes, I know the doors to our churches are closed, but the doors to heaven are not, and I get great consolation to my soul in reading this book." The accuser rushed away, secured a police and tried to have the man arrested; but the police refused to arrest the man, saying he saw no just cause for arrest. The persecutor added, "You come with me tonight, and you will see that they will be singing and praying." That night they returned and found them singing and praying in their home and arrested two of them and threw them into jail, then sent them away about 150 miles to be tried. They, of course, were acquitted, but were forced to endure the embarrassment of the affair.

Mr. Hull: Is that covered in the brief?

Mr. Mayfield: No. (Mr. Hull took notes.)

Mr. Mayfield: The Church of God is, of course, a bit enthusiastic in their worship. They get happy, shout, and sing; and I remember we Methodists some twenty or more years ago used to shout in our meetings, but we don't have so much of that now, and I am afraid we don't have so much of the old-time religion either. No doubt, Judge, you can remember a number of years ago up around Carthage, Tennessee, that the Methodists and Baptists used to shout.

Mr. Hull: I surely do, and (speaking for the people at Carthage) we still shout down there; and when we shout, we shout.

Mr. Mayfield: Mr. Walker has a history of the Church of God which he wishes to present to you.

Mr. Hull: Thank you. I am quite sure I don't have one, and I shall be glad to receive it.

Mr. Mayfield: In the history you will find an account of the Kluzits on page—

Mr. Walker, finishing: Page 125.

Mr. Mayfield: The Kluzits are college graduates and teachers who were con-
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Editorially Speaking

God and Russia

FOR centuries there has been no greater menace and goad to Christianity than the spirit of communism. The very creed of communism is against any theory of God and is based upon the teaching of Karl Marx, a German social philosopher, who wished to abolish the idea of God, king or priest, and make all men equal to each other and subject to no particular one. The communistic regime of Russia has been built upon this theory. Insofar as those in authority have power to do it, the Christian religion has been abolished. But news comes to us from many sources that the Poles and some others are now allowed freedom of worship. The break between the Nazi regime and alliance with the democracies has possibly had a great deal to do with this change, and its development may be greatly to the comfort and consolation of Christianity everywhere.

In a Sunday morning sermon at North Cleveland, R. P. Johnson, First Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God, said, "I believe that God will again open the door of Russia to the gospel." This belief is shared by many press correspondents, but whether the result is speedy or even comes at all, let it be known that God knows the intentions of these countries which have relegated Him to the background, and His eyes are upon the whole theatre of this war, its cause and effects, and it is believed by us that He will have something to do with its results.

Christian Leaders

IN the strict sense of the word, Christianity and righteousness are synonymous. Christianity is therefore the great antidote for evil and is the positive cure for that terrible degenerative and godless condition into which communities, states and nations have lapsed, and it is only through genuine Christianity that such a cure can be wrought.

In our so-called Christian America it is self-evident that all the leaders are not Christians. Those who are ungodly and void of the spirit of Christ so greatly outnumber the Chris-

tians in office that the administrative powers of the Christian are greatly curtailed. But there is great consolation in the fact that many of the officials and executives of the United States are God-loving and God-fearing men. Among these leaders there is a great hunger for a spiritual awakening, an awakening that will cause men to stop and think, an awakening that will make men sin-conscious and God-conscious.

In this issue of the Evangel we carry an article entitled "SPIRITUAL AWAKENING" by Bernard Langlie, governor of Washington, which appeared in October 25 issue of the *Pathfinder* as a guest editorial. Mr. Langlie calls for "a re-birth of that faith," the faith which he defines as that which has remained unshaken and unbent since the Lord brought order out of chaos. It is altogether fitting and proper that the leaders of our country should at this time of national and international crisis, look heavenward and declare for the faith which has been the balance wheel of the ages. It is with such leaders as these that we can be victorious and order can again be brought out of chaos.

Greeting Cards

I CAN remember in my youth that upon receiving a Christmas card people would often say, "Another disappointment," but cards of greeting continued to be sent. Now these greeting cards have become a part of the friendly and social life of people everywhere.—New Year cards, Easter cards, birthday cards, and Christmas cards, and then there are cards for Mother's Day and for Father's Day, cards of condolence to those who are overtaken in grief or trouble and cards of consolation to the convalescent. All of them serve a purpose. They bring to the recipient a certain joy, a joy of being remembered by a friend or loved one.

A very successful pastor has fallen upon the greeting card plan to help him in his pastoral work. Each member of his church is asked to sign a membership card which answers certain questions helpful to the pastor in performing his pastoral duties. Among other things the member gives the date of his birth on the card. The pastor keeps up with his members and remembers each with a birthday greeting card on his anniversary of birth. This pastor states, "I find the membership card and greeting card an ideal help in pursuance of my ministerial and pastoral work." And so goes the story.

Another Christmas will soon roll around and millions of greeting cards will again bring a word of cheer and comfort to as many people, and if they thus accomplish their purpose, the money which is expended for them is not wasted.

The Foolishness of Preaching

THERE is that something about the preaching of the Word of God which is hard to understand. Men may give rules for an educational speech, a business speech, or a political speech, but when it comes to the sermon there is something that just cannot be said. Men cannot be taught to Christ, though teaching is indispensable in the conservation and promulgation of the doctrine of Christ. Prior to the time of Christ there were many teachers of the Pharisees and Sadducees, as well as other branches of Jewish faith. There were

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Spiritual Awakening

BY ARTHUR BERNARD LANGLIE, Governor of Washington

(Nineteenth in a series of Guest Editorials written especially for PATHFINDER by prominent Americans.)

THROUGH the lush Twenties we of America were giving most of our attention to material things. We were running after wealth, making a business of pleasure, reveling in our prosperity, but placing in deadly peril our way of life. Then came the despondent Thirties with their hardships, bitterness and mad scramble to protect material gains.

Twenty years of life had passed and we had been too busy with our personal affairs to realize that there is something more fundamental than temporary material joys, too busy to appreciate the underlying principles of our Government which had given us the opportunity to follow our individual pursuits, too busy to recognize that devotion to ideals and faith in God were more important than everything we had sought after.

But now we have been jolted out of our complacency by the appearance of a new and terrible and violent doctrine; a doctrine based upon hate, force, greed and ambition; a doctrine which disdains honor, destroys freedom and denies every principle upon which our nation is founded. We utterly reject such a doctrine, but we view its amazing spread throughout the world. We feel sure that such a doctrine cannot prevail and yet we see it rolling forward in many directions.

We are beset by doubts, confusion and disturbance of mind, and the rush of events seems to have swept aside most of the things which we had counted on as sure and certain. The awful suspense of being on the brink of a terrible war has appalled us. The tangled confusion of international friendships and hates causes us to wonder who is friend and who is foe. The discouraging setbacks in America's defense efforts have shaken our self-assurance. The selfishness, greed and ambition which have brought all of this on loom high ahead.

At this time, perhaps more than at any other time in the history of our country, we need something to be sure of, something sound and fine to cling to, some anchor to hold us firmly during the stormy days ahead. That something for which we are all groping, if we will but realize it, is right here today with each one of us and available for instant use and application.

Since the day that God first brought order out of chaos, and throughout all

the troublous history of mankind, the one steadfast pillar which has remained unshaken and unbent has been faith, faith in the eternal triumph of good, faith in God Almighty.

Today let us have a rebirth of that faith, let that faith be strong and alive, let it be a faith of deeds as well as thought. With faith comes realization that right will prevail. Our fears and doubts and confusion of mind will vanish and in their place will come clear thinking and strong determination. And with faith will come an understanding of the spiritual values.

A renewed recognition of the spiritual values will make our public officials true leaders of democracy and our people united and invincible. The woes and travail of this world today will give way to peace and happiness when truth, justice and godliness become paramount in the mind and soul of man.

I See Now I Was Blind

KENTWOOD, La.—Praise the Lord for His blessings to me. I had a sister who got saved before I did. She tried to tell me how to get saved, but I just thought it was only another denomination, however I wasn't satisfied about it, so that night as I went to bed I knelt by my bed and prayed to the Father in heaven to show me in some way what holiness meant. Dear brothers and sisters, I see now I was blind, but praise the dear Lord He spoke to me that very night. That was twenty-five years ago and I am praising His sweet name for the vision. Lots of folks will tell you we don't have visions these days, but I know better for I saw the light. My eyes were opened and I could read the Bible and understand it so much better than ever before and have been growing in grace ever since. Now it seems I ought to be stronger in the Lord than I am, but after then I got sick and was given up; the doctors wanted to operate and said there was no other chance, so there wasn't another thing to look to but the Father. I wrote the saints to pray for my healing. I was healed and have never had an operation yet. I give Him all the glory for it. Praise His wonderful name.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but I need your prayers always that I will stand true to God. Pray for my two sons to be saved, and my brothers and sisters and loved ones.—Mary J. Dyche.

My Sermonette

FLORENCE SHUMAKER

"Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Lord," Jer. 11:5.

Does your heart answer amen at this moment to the thing that has come into your life? Or are there "fightings within, and fears without"? Remember Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Heb. 12:11, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby." So be it, O Lord; or have you fluttered, fought and beaten your wing against the sides of the cage until you are bleeding, bruised, and worn? So be it, O Lord. Forty years in the wilderness watching sheep might seem a long time, but think, beloved, of the burning bush. One such experience of the power and presence of Almighty God would be a tremendous compensation for years of loneliness and inactivity. "Up, Abraham, get thee out of thy country." So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken with him. Gen. 12:24. After a thing has come to naught some may say, "I prayed about that thing; surely I was to have done it." Maybe we prayed like the much quoted young man, "O Lord, give her to me if it is thy will, and if it is not thy will, give her to me anyway."

1 Peter 4:12, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you. But, rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad with exceeding joy." "So be it, O Lord," even the dregs with thy will upon them must be meat and drink for my soul.

My hand was raised to dash the cup from my rebellious lips when suddenly came the words, "This thing is done of me." Oh, from God's hand I will take it. Let me not miss His will lest death come upon me unaware, and find me unprepared for heaven's joys. "So be it, O Lord."

1 Peter 4:19, "Wherefore let us according to the will of God commit the keeping of our souls to him, in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

Lord, clasp my faltering hand in Thine,
Too weak am I to walk alone;
My path, dear Lord, I would not choose,
But ever say, "Thy will be done."
In dark Gethsemane alone,
I hear a cry, an anguished moan,

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Bible Training School and College Echoes

Soul-Winners Band in Bible School

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught," Luke 5:4. These words were spoken by our Lord as He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, to Simon. In this instance Simon was to catch fish, but in the tenth verse Jesus said to Simon, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

These verses might well be the motto of the girls in B. T. S. We have organized a Soul-Winners Band to pray for the lost in this evil day. Each girl makes a list of loved ones and friends she would like to see saved and these are placed in a box. Several times each week we meet and pray for these and other requests. MY! how the Lord does bless in these prayers and the tears that are shed are almost numberless. Surely God will not let our tears and prayers go unheeded. No, each tear is bottled up and our faith in God will permit us to believe only, that God is going to save many, many of these precious souls. As this band has only been organized about a week, we have not heard many reports of those being saved whose names are on these lists. However, some have been gloriously saved right here in school and their names have been marked off the lists. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by this band.

An overwhelming tide of spirituality has prevailed in our dormitory to the extent that prayers, praise and shouts of victory can be heard almost any time. Four received the wonderful experience of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost this past week end in various rooms of the dormitory. Some sought the Lord far into the night and at last that hunger in their hearts for more of God's Spirit was satisfied. Shouts of victory would ring throughout the halls and everyone rejoices because another has found a definite experience with the Lord.

Some who were seriously ill have been healed instantly and many have received calls into various fields of labor for God in prayer meetings in the dormitory.

Surely this is the most heavenly place on earth. It seems as though we are shut off from the powers of the underworld to a certain extent. Of course, we still have trials but Satan does not have much chance in a place where everyone is constantly seeking a closer walk with God.

It is a wonderful inspiration to watch how God is developing each one for some specific work. Last year not a single girl left school who was not saved and we are expecting even greater things this year.

I truly thank God for making it possible for me to live in such a spiritual atmosphere as is found in B. T. S. and my constant prayer is to be more spiritual myself.—Virginia Green, Thomaston, Ga.

God's Call to the Students

We find that Bible Training School is one of the best places in the world for young people to consecrate their lives to God. Our Spirit-filled teachers and the wonderful power of God in our services have encouraged us to seek a deeper walk with God. We are not always in position to understand what God's will is concerning our lives until we present our bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God. There are many boys and girls here in school who had no idea that God had a special place for them in His vineyard, but several have already received definite calls to various fields of labor. They have been added to the few laborers for the great harvest mentioned in Matt. 9:37, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The world truly is dying because we do not have enough laborers to tell them of the great love of Jesus and we are rejoicing that some of our students have caught the vision and heard the call, and have answered as did Isaiah in days of old, "Lord, here am I, send me."

Just recently one of the girls from Florida received a call to the ministry after agonizing with God until late for two nights in the dormitory. We learn that after we become willing to let God have His way in our lives, we are happy because we are assured that we are in His divine will. Here we learn to wait on God UNTIL we receive the answer to our cries. I am persuaded to believe that when men and women, boys and girls, are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost and will heed the call of God, they will not only find the harvest plenteous, but will also be rewarded with great results from their labors. The joy that comes to the heart of a soul-winner is a great recompense, but when we reach that other side to which we are all travelling, the rewards will be greater as we bring our sheaves unto the Lord.

It does not only mean that we are to present our bodies living sacrifices, but the price that we must pay in leaving homes, loved ones, and friends must be counted as well. We are not our own, but are bought with the price of the precious blood of Jesus. He will always stand by us regardless of our need, and supply

them according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. He has promised never to leave nor forsake us if we trust Him fully. Surely with these assurances, we can say with Paul, at the end of our journey, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all them who love His appearing."—Lorraine Burnett, Sheffield, Alabama.

Another Victory

Victories ahead for Bible School students! Ever since school opened the spiritual tide has run high. We know that the readers will rejoice with us because of the many young people who have yielded their lives more unreservedly to God during the six short weeks that have just passed. Nowhere have I been that the Lord seemed to dwell so continuously as in B. T. S. Certainly we have found the secret place of the Most High.

Each class is opened with a concert prayer with all the students kneeling beside their seats and lifting their voices to heaven. I am very thankful for a school where the young people can pray and consecrate their lives to God, with the ever encouraging hands of loving and efficient instructors to guide them.

Wednesday morning when the students assembled for chapel, most of them seemed to be burdened. Impressive and encouraging was the short message given before prayer. God blessed us as we prayed. After the concert prayer the Spirit descended as we sang together that precious hymn, "His Blood Is on My Soul." While we were singing, His Spirit and love of God was so near that it seemed heaven had almost kissed the earth. The altar filled immediately with hungry seekers who were seeking a deeper walk with God. God blessed in a wonderful way. Classes were dismissed and the students prayed until twelve-thirty o'clock.

That evening when we reassembled for the students' service, everyone was still rejoicing. Sweet peace flooded our souls through the joyful singing, earnest praying and Holy-Ghost-inspired preaching. There was no hesitation when the invitation was given, but souls ran to the altar and some tarried until rather late. Some were saved, some sanctified and some filled with the Holy Ghost.

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. . . A Little Church History . . .

MANY questions have recently arisen as to the beginning of the organization that we now know as the Church of God. It happened back in the mountains of Monroe County, Tennessee, in the year 1884, that a Baptist minister by the name of Richard G. Spurling became greatly dissatisfied with his church. In his sincere objections, he began an intense study of the Bible and church history with a view to a reformation. After two years he called a conference of others who believed as he, and from this conference a local church was set in order at a place known as the Barney Creek meetinghouse in Monroe County, Tennessee. Brother Spurling delivered a very forceful sermon, emphasizing the need of a reformation, and placed this proposition before the people present: "As many Christians as are here present, that are desirous to be free from all man-made creeds and traditions, and are willing to take the New Testament, or law of Christ, as your only rule of faith and practice; giving each other equal rights and privileges to read and interpret for yourselves as your conscience may dictate, and are willing to sit together as the Church of God to transact business as the same, come forward." In response to that proposition, eight persons came forth and presented themselves, and gave each other the right hand of fellowship. The names of these charter members were Richard G. Spurling, John Plemons, Sr., Polly Plemons, Barbara Spurling, Margaret Laufus, Melinda Plemons, John Plemons, Jr., and Adeline Laufus. The elder Richard Spurling soon died and his son, Richard Spurling, Jr., became the pastor of the newly-organized church. He was ordained on September 26, 1886. This little church grew very slowly, making little, if any, progress in that particular country where it was set in order, but Brother Richard Spurling, Jr., continued to preach.

The year of 1896 saw a decided turn in the seemingly retarded progress. Three men who lived in that community became greatly wrought upon by the Spirit and began a meeting at the old Shearer schoolhouse in Cherokee County, North Carolina. At the close of the revival the people who had become converted began a Sunday school and regular prayer meetings were conducted by William F. Bryant, a leading man of the community. The people seemed to know very little about the Bible but they did know that they had met the Lord. They prayed, shouted and exhorted until hundreds of hard-hearted sinners were broken down under conviction and came to God, until the revival soon extended into two or

three adjoining counties. During these years Brother Spurling would often come among the people of North Carolina, but it was not until May 15, 1902, that any plan of government was adopted. On that day a number of sincere followers of Christ who were tired of the loose way the new movement had been going, met at the home of W. F. Bryant in Cherokee County, North Carolina, and under the direction of Rev. R. G. Spurling, Jr., who had tried so many times before to show them the need of government, an organization was affected.

The story has been told by some that the Church was set in order by A. J. Tomlinson, but according to history it was June, 1903, when A. J. Tomlinson, who had been reared on a farm in Indiana and came to North Carolina as a colporteur, became acquainted with the Church and joined it and was ordained by Richard Spurling, Jr., and W. F. Bryant. We give below a statement by W. F. Bryant, who, with his wife and daughter, Mrs. Ella Thompson, became a charter member of the Church set in order in his home on May 15, 1902. All of these are now members of the Church of God in Cleveland. The statement of Brother Bryant follows:

"In 1891 I was wonderfully sanctified by the power of God and received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. It caused quite a commotion in the community, and especially the church I belonged to, inasmuch that they brought charges against us and turned forty out of our local church for claiming sanctification. Then, after much prayer and studying God's Word, we saw the need of a church governed by the New Testament. We spoke to our congregation about a church. Some were in favor while others had a fearful heart as the persecutions were very great, but we kept praying God to bring the honest hearts together and turn the light of the New Testament Church on them, which He did. Then we called the people together to organize the New Testament Church, so in my home, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, R. G. Spurling, Jr., and I organized the Church with about seventeen members. God wonderfully blessed the work in that day with signs following. These experiences were new to us. We had God only as our leader. More than a year later A. J. Tomlinson came down from Culberson, North Carolina, to investigate the New Testament Church. After he, R. G. Spurling, and I spent hours praying and searching the Scriptures, Brother Tomlinson said he was thoroughly convinced of the Church and became a member. The Church set him

forth as a minister. R. G. Spurling and myself ordained him.

(Signed) "W. F. Bryant."

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State of Tennessee
County of Bradley

I, Ottis Hewett, a notary public in aforesaid state and county, do hereby affirm that W. F. Bryant, personally known to me, personally appeared before me and affirmed that he signed the foregoing statements of his own free will and volition, this 22nd day of October, 1941.

(Signed) Ottis Hewett

My commission expires Jan. 3, 1943.

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The above affirmed statement, together with many other evidences, proves conclusively that the Church of God was not founded by A. J. Tomlinson, but that he joined the Church. The records show that in 1923 he was impeached from office and excluded from the Church because of conduct unbecoming to a minister. Since that time the Church of God has had a wonderful growth. Financial burdens which almost threatened the overthrow of the Church, were taken care of and today all financial obligations of the Church have become an accepted obligation of love and service and are easily taken care of by those who are loyal and true to the organization which has stood the test through the years, and who will be loyal and true through the years to come, in acknowledgment of the great floodtide of blessings that has come by their so being.

Healed of T. B.

KINGSPORT, Tenn.—Dear Saints, I am so glad I can write a few words to the Evangel of how God heard and answered prayer. I am glad that I can say I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and healed of T. B. Praise His good name!

Pray for my mother and father who are out in sin, and a brother who is in prison. I also have two unspoken requests.—Mrs. E. L. Cagle, 323 E. Sullivan St.

The person who pities himself is grooming himself for failure and will never grow up to be a real man until he buckles into work with his head up and saves his pity for the other fellow.

No one is moving so rapidly in the Lord's work as he who is keeping up with his praying, living, and giving.

No one who fails to fill the lower place successfully need be looking for a promotion.



Foreign Missions



New Testament Church of God
Westerbury Road, Bridgetown
Barbados, B. W. I.
October 3, 1941

DEAR Brother Walker:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

Well, I am again safely back in Barbados, and I am glad to say that I found my wife able to be about the house. She had been in bed four days, but God again answered prayer.

I am also glad to say that the revival spirit that gripped our ministers so at the Assembly has reached Barbados and red hot revivals are the order of the day. A most wonderful revival is now in progress at River Road, now in the third week. Twenty-four seekers have been in the altar crying to God for pardon. Brother Hinds, one of our country pastors, came to see me the other day to say that they had had a glorious revival at his church (Alexander Village) with thirty-seven seeking salvation. In a letter to hand today from Green's church another revival is on and nine have come to God for deliverance from sin. Several have been to me since I came back, desirous of coming in with us. God is working.

On my way from the United States I was able to call in at St. Christophers, where there are one or two gatherings who are also looking to us with longing eyes.

Again at Dominica I was able to go ashore and do a bit of visiting to see if I could do something to put the work there on its feet, and I am much encouraged the way God seems to be opening doors before us to enter.

And still again I had the privilege of going ashore at St. Lucia and seeing Evangelist Stoute, our missionary there. God is wonderfully blessing her, and she is very happy in the Master's service, and is asking that I come soon for a baptismal service. God is working.

I went to meet the Ellertons church on Wednesday night and raised in pledges to be paid by October 31, the sum of \$26.50. So, we will get the land matter settled soon.

I also wrote Sister Green on my way home and ought to hear from her soon, so that we can get the Bridgeford property matter settled.

God is with us, and working for us

Letters From Barbados

and my heart is greatly encouraged.

Pray for us, as we always remember you before the throne.—Faithfully His and yours, James B. Winter, overseer for Barbados.

Barbados, B. W. I.
October, 1941

Dear Church of God Family:

I feel it my duty to write and thank the Mission Board and the Church for their kindness in making it possible for

Being a Missionary

Out where the loneliness presses around me,
Looking on sights that are sordid and drear.
Strangely abiding—yet surely God called me.
Why do I wonder, if Jesus is near?

Strangeness of living—strangeness of people,
Have I not come with a gospel of cheer?
Why is my heart then depressed with its burdens?
Isn't my comrade—my Jesus—out here?

God, teach me quickly to do without friendship,
How to let go of those things that are dear—
How to be rid of this self that is binding me—
Surely my Master—my Jesus—is here.

He, who was God, took the form of a servant,
Humbled Himself unto death, without fear;
Lonely, forsaken, despised and rejected,
My blessed Savior—my Jesus—came here.

Father, forgive me my failure in serving—
Heartache, depression, regrets disappear!
Born of the cross, a new courage infills me;
Jesus—my victory—my life—is here.

—Author Unknown.

me to have the great honor and privilege of being at the General Assembly this year. I have often thought of them and often have hoped that some day I might have the joy of attending one of these gatherings, and now the joy has been mine. I feel like the queen of Sheba—the half was not told me. Believe me, I think we have the most wonderful Church on earth, and the thing that most impressed me in connection with the Assembly was the real Christian love so much in evidence among our brethren, and the unity and oneness. I saw no wire pulling for positions but every one was just satisfied with the decisions of his brethren.

I cannot say how much my visit has meant to me, or how it will help me in the days to come, but I am sure it will help me better to understand the greatness

of the organization to which I have the honor and privilege to belong, and I will be better able from now on to lead and guide those in the islands under my care to be a real and true part of the Church of God. We not only have a glorious message but the most wonderful Church on earth, and a better staff of church officials cannot be found this side of heaven.

The revival spirit that so gripped our ministers and people at the Assembly is much in evidence here in Barbados and news keeps reaching me of revivals and souls being saved. At the River Road church where a revival has run for three weeks, twenty-four souls have come to Christ seeking deliverance from sin. Also, at the Bank Hall church a revival is being conducted by Elder Lewis, with great crowds in attendance, souls being saved, believers being blessed, and the weak strengthened. Praise the Lord! From Alexander Village church comes the good news of a revival there, with thirty-seven praying through to victory. Also at Green's Village church yet another revival is now on, and up to date nine seekers have been to an altar of prayer. Dear ones, God is with us and is giving us favor with the people and our meeting rooms are being crowded with earnest listeners.

We surely have a great opportunity before us and, as one of God's saints said years ago, "The future is just as bright as the promises of God." Doors seem to be open to us on every side and many eyes are looking to us. We only need more real consecrated, earnest workers who are ready to go at His bidding, not counting the cost, and money to meet the expenses and this can be a great year of extension and progress in the history of our Church. By the grace of God we shall go forward this year to seek the lost and to get more new churches organized before another Assembly. Dear ones, pray for me and the work in this part of your great mission field.—Faithfully His and yours, James B. Winter, overseer of Barbados.

Don't forget to pray for Brother and Sister Kluzit and the work in Haiti that God will marvelously direct and get glory to Himself and for His Church out of what has seemed to be a calamity.

Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

Pray For

The healing of my body, I am overweight and have bad smothering spells. I can hardly breathe at times; my mother to be healed and saved; my daddy; me to be an overcomer.—Corene Boatman, Rt. 1, Stewart, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of rheumatism.—Mrs. Hattie Pugh, 418 S. 8th St., Vinton, Va.

Me to be healed of chills; my sick child to be healed.—Ada Tally, Brashear, Tex.

My mother who is having a hard fight with the devil, she has been sick since June.—Sophia Broyles, Gen. Del., LaFollette, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of stomach trouble; my baby's mouth to be healed.—Walter Rodriguez, Folsom, La.

The healing of my body of several afflictions; my eyes to be healed, they are in a bad condition; my loved ones.—Mrs. Edna Deck, Box 111, Alvin, Ill.

God to save my boy, Forest Skelton, who is in the Army. God to heal my son of a severe head trouble, earache and nervousness; my little girl to be healed of malaria and nervousness; my other children and me.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 1, Crawfordsville, Ark.

The healing of my body; God to give me more overcoming power.—Mrs. Bettie Wright, Rt. 1, Holcomb, Miss.

My daughter-in-law to be healed of hay fever.—Mrs. Myrtle Chitwood, La-sonia, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body. The doctors give me strength to overcome a worry.—A friend, Acworth, Ga.

God to undertake for this place and bless our efforts in securing a church.—Rev. H. L. Winkles, evangelist, Rt. 1, Dallas, Ga.

The healing of a brother of yellow jaundice and heart trouble.—C. H. Long, Grand Ledge, Mich.

The healing of my body; my hearing to be restored.—J. C. Webster, Rt. 1, Box 30, Merigold, Miss.

God to undertake for me; my husband and my brother who are sick to be healed.—Viola Chapman, Gen. Del., Clinton, Okla.

Mrs. Maggie Ivy, Box 342; Calipatra, Calif., who is suffering from severe nervousness and what the doctor says is a poison goitre in her neck and chest, to be healed.—Annie Belle Ivy, Box 112, Romoland, Calif.

God to completely heal my body, I have throat and stomach trouble.—Mrs. H. M. Hardee, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C.

My daughter to be healed of bad tonsils.—Mrs. R. Y. Gregg, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body. The doctors say I will have to be operated on in the next two weeks.—Mrs. Thelma Hampton, Rt. 3, Sulphur, Okla.

The healing of Sister Napier who is very sick. The doctors say they can do no more for her. She goes for days without keeping food or water on her stomach.—Mrs. J. H. Brock, Wheelwright, Ky.

God to undertake in my home.—Sister Ferlow, Christopher, Ill.

My throat to be healed, also that I will be healed of other things.—Odessa Gravette, Talladega, Ala.

My aunt to be healed of a very bad sore leg. She was shot through the right leg about thirty years ago and it has never been well but one time. Also pray that she will be saved. My sister to be saved and healed of a sore on her leg; my children and brothers to be healed of sores; my mother; my husband.—Mrs. Cleve Varnes, Hilliard, Fla.

My son-in-law to be healed, he is in a

serious condition with an infection of the head. Also pray that his hearing will be all right.—Lena Davis, Lepanto, Ark.

The Lord to heal my afflicted body; me to grow stronger in the Lord.—Bertha Sanders, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

The complete healing and strengthening of my body.—Mrs. Cora S. Taylor, Rt. 1, Iron City, Ga.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. Hattie Ford, Jacksonville, Ala.

God to completely heal my body of T. B.—Lat Stanley, Box 285, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

My grandson, Paul Andrews, to be healed of whooping cough and bronchitis; my daughter who has just undergone an operation.—A. F. Wilson, 54 Spofford, Wilmington, N. C.

The healing of my head. I have three sores on my head and one of them is eating on the skull. The doctors have said it is only a matter of time with me but I am trusting God. Please pray earnestly for my healing.—Mrs. Henry Litton, Carbon, W. Va.

The healing of a sister, we think she has cancer.—Mrs. Callie Winegar, Bastian, Va.

The healing of Richard Cline who is in the hospital very seriously burned.—A friend near Dalton, Ga.

God to undertake for a special request.—Callie Bryant, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Lois James, Oxford, Miss.

God to heal me of a bad head trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. Mary Branam, Valley Creek, Tenn.

God to heal me, I have a bad tumor grown from the eardrum out. I am suffering very much. I also need encouragement.—Mrs. A. C. Eastham, 201 Union St., Coffeyville, Kans.

The healing of my daughter who is in the Norwood Hospital, Birmingham.—Mrs. Bessie Cornelius, 1108 4th St. W., Cullman, Ala.

The Lord to touch my body and heal me; Martha Southerland who is very sick and unsaved to be healed and saved; my daughter.—Algie Fallin, 30 Stewart Ave., Schoolfield, Va.

The healing of my wife who is in the hospital with a broken arm and fractured hip; God to undertake for me and strengthen my body.—W. A. Patrick, 130 Caldwell Alley, Bristol, Tenn.

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Reports from the Field

Enjoyed Get-Acquainted Tour

I have had the happy privilege of accompanying my son, Rev. E. M. Ellis, on his get-acquainted tour over the districts of the State of North Carolina. It was very gratifying to note the spirit of evangelism which prevails in this state. Every service was attended by the presence and power of God. The people appeared to be happy and loyal to put the program over. There was not one service that the spiritual tide did not run high. The state overseer gave some very interesting soul-stirring messages which seemed to be appreciated by these people.

We were accompanied by Rev. Ralph E. Williams, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, who rendered valuable service in directing us over the state and in taking part in the services. From what we could discern, he is highly esteemed, not only by the young people but by the elderly people also. It was the first time we have had the privilege of being associated with this young man in religious services and I must say it was a happy privilege of mine. I was certainly impressed with the way he got his work before the people. He and the state overseer are working in beautiful harmony together in putting the program of the state over. I predict for them a year of great success and victory in North Carolina.

The unity, loyalty and high spiritual tide we have found on this visit speaks well for the former overseer of this state.—J. B. Ellis, Rt. 1, Box 81-A, Webster, Fla.

New Mexico Ministers' Meeting

We are glad to sound a note of praise to the Lord for giving us the best ministers' meeting that we have ever witnessed in the State of New Mexico. I believe everyone who attended will verify this fact.

The sweetest unity, fellowship and weeping spirit prevailed throughout each service. Through our business session there never was such unity manifested in the state as was shown here. Brother Ramsey, our state overseer, made out the program which he wanted to put over in the state this ensuing year and the body of ministers passed it one hundred per cent without a debate on any one subject.

We felt highly honored to have Brother R. P. Johnson, First Assistant General

Overseer, with us in our ministers' meeting. Brother Johnson delivered two wonderful messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost which stirred our hearts. We feel these messages of Brother Johnson's had a large part in making this ministers' meeting the blessing it proved to be.

Tuesday afternoon Brother Anthony delivered a powerful message, which was surely enjoyed by all. Then Tuesday evening, the close of our ministers' meeting, Brother Ratchford, pastor at Carlsbad, delivered a powerful evangelistic message. From the time Brother Ratchford began to preach the tears began to roll and by the time he gave the altar call the Holy Ghost took charge. I do not believe there was a person in the church who was not weeping. Several came to the altar and prayed through to sweeping victory in Jesus our Lord.

We also praise the Lord for our precious state overseer and his family, who we count it a privilege to work with this ensuing year. Brother Ramsey is one of the most humble men of God I have ever worked with. He has asked that we pray that the Lord will make him a blessing in the State of New Mexico this ensuing year.—State Reporter.

EMPIRE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful service we had at Empire, Ala. The Lord surely was in our midst. Our pastor, Brother J. J. Williamson, preached a wonderful sermon on prophecy which held the audience spellbound, and then fell under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. While laying prostrate on the floor the Lord gave him a vision of lost souls. The saints were stirred, some were crying and screaming under the burden for lost souls. The altar was filled, people were saved, the power of the Lord was manifested in a marvelous way. Pray for our Church to stay on fire for God.—Mrs. Cornelia Raynor.

LAKE CITY, S. C.—We had an all-day service and dinner at the Church of God at Lake City, Sunday, October 12, for the purpose of raising a \$250 note which was practically due on the new church building, and we wish to sound a note of praise for the wonderful way God blessed on that day.

Putting first things first, I shall en-

deavor to mention the spiritual feast first. The Lord began to bless at the opening of the service and as the different singers sang, the power of God was manifested in shouts, also with that good sweet feeling that comes with the realization of the great approval of God.

We had the great privilege of having our new but much loved state overseer, Rev. M. P. Cross, with us, also other visiting ministers.

Space will not permit the mention of all the good things said by each speaker, but I do wish to mention a few things concerning the great message of the morning brought to us by Brother Cross. Our hearts were stirred and what a sweet feeling in our souls as the message of "Love" came forth. Handkerchiefs were seen quite frequently as tear-filled eyes were wiped. Oh, I feel that each one felt constrained to seek and practice more of this love. Brother Heaton of Mullins, S. C., also brought us a soul-stirring message in the afternoon. With the pledges and soliciting done by our loyal pastor, Brother M. N. McPherson, and others with the offering of the day, the \$250 note was paid. Glory to God, how thankful we feel. We love our new pastor and his dear wife and surely feel they are God's chosen ones for this field of labor. This work is new and our obligations many, but God is a great God, Brother McPherson is a hustler and some of the people have a mind to work. Pray for the progress of this new work.—Mrs. H. G. Gray.

Give God the Glory

ARCADIA, Fla.—I thank the Lord for what He means to me. I had a choking in my chest for about six months and I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify through the Evangel, so the other night He wonderfully healed me. I haven't been bothered with it since. I give God all the glory for it.

Pray for my lost children.—Mrs. D. H. Eagerton.

The man who can fill the place will be in demand. Our work tells what kind of a workman we are and will either commend us or condemn us.

Sometimes we put ourselves under by trying to put something over.

YOUR PLEDGES FOR EVANGELISM

STATE	LAYMEN	MINISTERS	TOTAL
Alabama	554	63	617
Arkansas	101	17	118
Arizona	31	2	33
California	2	9	11
Colorado	1	3	4
New Mexico	35	16	51
New Jersey	13	4	17
Maryland	115	12	127
Delaware		1	1
Dist. of Columbia	16		16
Florida	4	45	49
Georgia	719	72	791
Washington	9	2	11
Illinois	441	32	473
Indiana	36	6	42
Iowa	11	12	23
Idaho	6	2	8
Kansas	26	4	30
Kentucky	298	45	343
Louisiana	219	32	251
Maine	13	7	20
Michigan		9	9
Mississippi	78	45	123
Missouri	94	62	156
Minnesota	4	2	6
Montana	1	1	2
North Carolina	275	40	315
North Dakota		2	2
South Dakota	17	2	19
Ohio	272	15	287
Oklahoma	31	6	37
Pennsylvania	93	16	109
South Carolina	346	101	447
Tennessee	367	31	398
Texas	146	76	222
Virginia	381	35	416
West Virginia	525	36	561
Wisconsin	3		3
Wyoming		1	1
<i>Foreign Countries</i>			
Mexico		3	3
Jamaica		2	2
Bahamas		1	1
Canada		1	1

TOTAL 5,283 873 6,156

This is how our pledges stand today, October 29; but we hope that we shall have many hundreds more next week and that the number will continue to increase until the close of this special campaign on November 27.

If you have not sent your pledge, see your pastor immediately and let us have your promise to help us in this great campaign to save souls. — Sincerely, J. H. Walker.

BOOTHSPPOINT, Tenn.—I praise God for what He has done for me. About ten years ago He saved me and one year later filled me with the Holy Ghost, but I feel weak now. I want the prayers of all Christians that I will stand true to God. Pray for my husband and daddy to be saved, also for my two sisters who are backsliders and for my baby to be healed.—Mrs. Ruby Ray, Chic Rt.

Church of God On the Air

LaGrange, Ga., 1240 Kc., LaGrange. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m., E.S.T. Vance Perkins, pastor.

Y.P.E., Marion, Va., over station WOPI. Each Sunday morning from 6:30-7:00 o'clock. Jesse R. Burkett, pastor.

Rev. H. L. Whittington and the LeFevre Trio, Atlanta, Ga., over station WGST. Each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30 E.S.T.

Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00, E.S.T., over station WAGA.

Atlantic City, N. J., over WFGP, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday afternoon from 2:00-2:30 o'clock. Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

Augusta, Ga., over WGAC, Augusta, Ga. Each Saturday at 6:45 a. m. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Rev. Odis Smith, pastor, and Langley, S. C., Church of God on same station.

Illinois, over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

Valdosta, Ga., over station WGOV, Valdosta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock, E.S.T. L. P. Shaw, pastor.

North and West Knoxville Churches over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., 990 on your dial. Each Saturday morning from 10:05-10:30. G. W. Hodges and J. D. Wilson, pastors.

Carmi, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Friday morning from 10:00-10:30. J. L. Summers, pastor.

Pratt City, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, 6100 Kc. Daily broadcast from church 4:00-4:30 p. m. Sunday broadcast 3:30-4:00 p. m. C. T. Douglas and A. M. Phillips in charge.

Benton, Ill. Each Monday from 10:00-10:30 a. m., over WEBQ, Harrisburg.

Warren, Ohio, district over station WRRN, 1400 Kc. Each Friday from 10:30-11:00 p. m. J. A. Lewis, pastor.

Cincinnati, Ohio, over WCPO, 1230 Kc. Each Sunday night from 9:30-10:00. Cincinnati church band and quartet will be on this broadcast with us every service. R. J. Staats, pastor.

North Rome, Ga., over station WRGA, Rome, 1500 Kc. Each Monday morning from 10:30-11:00, E.S.T. Linwood Jacobs, pastor.

Vulcan and Delbarton, W. Va., over station WBTH, Williamson, 1400 Kc., 250 watts. Each Sunday from 2:00-3:00 p. m. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va., and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va., pastors.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., over station WFTL, Ft. Lauderdale, 1410 Kc. Each Sunday at 7:15 p. m. V. B. Ellis, pastor.

Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, 1400 Kc. Each week day at 9:00 a. m. Each Sunday at 8:00 a. m. Albert Batts, pastor.

North Cleveland, Tenn., over station WBLJ, Dalton, Ga. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p. m. Services broadcast direct from the church. F. R. Harrawood, pastor.

Lindale, Ga., over station WPGA. Each Saturday from 10:30-11:00 a. m. E.S.T.

Cedartown, Ga., over station WGAA. Each Sunday from 5:00-5:30 p. m. E.S.T.

PROGRAM BOOKS

Here is a list of our program books which we have in stock

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BOOKS

Telling the Christmas Story. (A complete program in two parts.) Price 25c

Two Paramount Christmas Selections. (A Christmas play and a Christmas pageant.) Price 25c

Two Paramount Christmas Plays. ("To Have and To Give, or To Give and To Have" and "Following the Star.") 25c

Paramount Plays and Pageants for Christmas. (Three plays and three pageants.) Price 25c

Ye Who Sit by the Fire. (A Christmas play in one act.) Price 25c

The Angels' Court. (A Christmas play in three acts.) Price 25c

The Search for the Christ Child. (A Christmas play wherein a little child keeps faith in spite of all obstacles, and thus brings others to believe.) Price 25c

The Paramount Christmas Book No. 10. (Recitations, musical readings, exercises, pantomimes, drills, dialogs, acrostics, pageants, playlets, and songs.) Price 25c

Christmas Through the Ages. (A Christmas play with carols in three acts.) Price, each 25c

The World's Best Christmas Carols. Price 30c single copy, \$3.00 per dozen, per 100 825.00

As With Gladness Men of Old. (A Christmas play with carols.) Price 25c

Starlight. (A Christmas pageant.) 25c

Fulfillment. (A Christmas play with carols.) Price 25c

Pageant of the Three Gifts. (A Christmas giving service.) Price 25c

OTHER PROGRAM BOOKS

The Standard Thanksgiving Book. (Pageants, playlets, drills, programs, recitations and worship.) Price 25c

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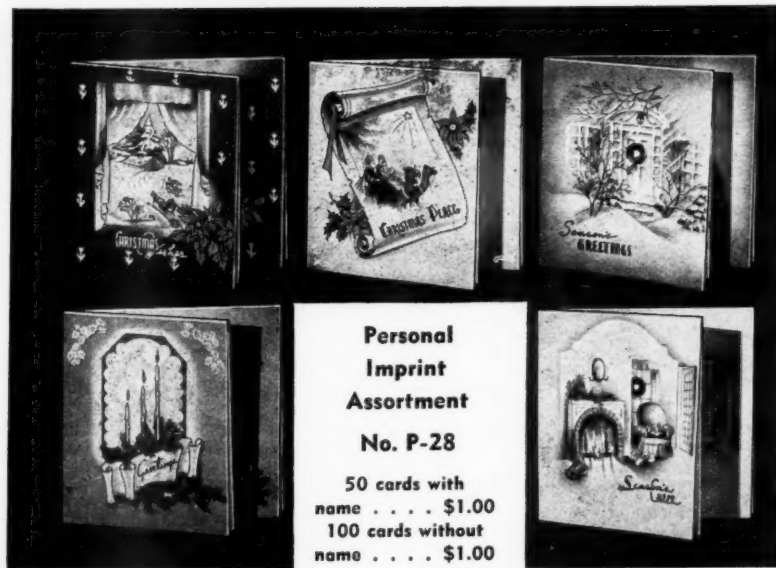
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Good News

"This is to notify you that the State of Nebraska is over the top 100 per cent with the aged ministers' fund.—Wilma Henry, state overseer."

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Kathryn Thompson, of Harvey, Louisiana, in which she expresses a great desire to work in the hospitals among our soldier boys, seeking to carry the gospel message to them. Pray that God will continue to help her in her efforts and that others likewise may feel this burden and do a great work for those who need to know God.

"Dear Brother Walker:

"We have been very busy getting located. We have visited five churches. Some of them have raised all the aged ministers' quota. I will have some good news in a few days.—H. D. Williams."

Good News From Missouri

The overseer reports:

"The outlook of the work of the state is very encouraging. We have two new churches organized, one new church building under way and two more good churches and their buildings in the clear to come with us, I am quite sure. I believe that we will have a most successful year.—H. R. Morehead."

"Dear Brother Walker:

"God bless you and all the Evangel family. I am sending my signed pledge, as you requested for all members. I was so glad to read in the Evangel the account of the General Assembly, although it was cut short in time. I know that God was with you, for when I read about it, these words kept ringing in my mind, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord. My soul doth magnify the Lord. Praise His name!'—Mrs. Lillian Kinsey, Santa Monica, California."

Telegram:

"Louisiana over the top with their aged ministers' quota.—W. C. Byrd."

That is certainly a splendid piece of work for Louisiana. May God continue to bless and help the people there.

"Dear Brother Walker:

"I am sending you some of the pledges from our church at New Lacy. I am glad to say that we have a good revival spirit over here. Three were saved last night. So pray for us here.—Yours very

J. H. Walker

General Overseer

truly, L. H. Griffis, Route 3, Alma, Ga.

Report of a Revival

"Brother Walker, I have had a revival meeting eight months at Pelham and set up a church here. Pray for us. We have the revival spirit. We would like for you to come to Pelham as soon as you can. We have eight with the Holy Ghost and about twenty now at the little church. Pray for us.—Brother E. O. Sniper."

Good News

"The Lord has wonderfully blessed us since we came here. We have \$152 in the bank already on our new church building. The building we are in at the present time is far too small, as we have large crowds attending and cannot have a revival until we can get a larger building. The altar was filled last Sunday night with new seekers. Please remember us in prayer.—Yours in His service, A. G. Phillips, Chicago, Illinois."

"We are having a revival at our church. Sixteen have received the Holy Ghost, and the end is not yet. Remember us in your prayers.—Your brother, H. L. Whittington."

This report came with a letter from Brother Whittington, enclosing the signature of Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia on the petition to Cordell Hull.

Parsonage News

"Dear Brother Walker:

"Just a little parsonage news! We are still coming to the front here in McVeigh, Kentucky. The Lord has helped us to solve a problem here that has been so long needed. As I write to you, I can praise God for this good home for the pastors during the years to come. It is a five-room house with a shower, a tub bath, steam heat, electric lights, and pastor's study. Pray for us. Thanks.—Ed Cox, Pinsonfork, Kentucky."

REQUESTS

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My daughter to be healed of T. B., my little boy to be healed of kidney trouble; my uncle to be healed of cancer of the stomach; the healing of my body, I have a tumor of some kind.—Mrs. Mamie Hill, Rt. 4, Ennis Tex.

My Sermonette

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From Him who did for sins atone,
My Savior.

"Not my will, Lord, but thine be done,"

These words came from that Holy One,
Who from His mission would not run,
My Savior.

Then let me stand unto the end,
Tho' life doth from my body rend,
I know who shall my soul defend,
My Savior.

Insurance President Enters Meeting Shoeless

"Immaculately-groomed Julian Price of Greensboro, N. C., dignified president of a big insurance company, surprised occupants of an office building in Columbia, S. C., when he walked into a business meeting with his shoes off," says Associated Press.

He explained that he had been approached by a shabbily-dressed man outside the building wearing tattered shoes with a request for better footwear. Price took off his own and gave them to the man, who was too surprised to thank him.

It can be easily imagined how surprised the shabbily-dressed man would be to see an immaculately-groomed gentleman remove his shoes and give them to him.

But the most surprising act of all history was that of the Lord Jesus in giving Himself to the shameful and painful death of the Cross that those who were clothed in the filthy rags of their own righteousness might be clothed with the "righteousness of God" (Rom. 3:22).

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

We should not be "too surprised to thank Him" for giving Himself for us. But, as Robert Murray McChesney says:

"When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own;
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with an unsinning heart:
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then how much I owe."

Baby Healed

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby I would testify of it. She took sick vomiting and nothing would stay on her stomach. She got so weak you could hardly hear her cry. Instead of her getting better, she got worse all the time. We called for the saints and they came and prayed and the Lord touched her body. She weighs more now than she did before she got sick. We give all the praise to God because we know He healed her. We have trusted the Lord for the past four years and He has never failed us.

When you pray, pray for her that the Lord will heal her mouth, she has something like the thrush. Pray for us that we will ever be true.—Mrs. Litell, 311 Taylor St.

Editorially Speaking

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many philosophers among the Epicureans and Stoics of Greece who sought to bring men into happiness by their teaching, but in all of their wisdom they were unable to do that which they desired and their philosophy fell short of its purpose.

We are told by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God. It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Then if this is God's manner of salvation to those who are groping in a world of darkness and sin, regardless of how it looks to men or whether they are able to understand it or not, let us accept it. We cannot teach men to Christ. Teachers are valuable in the church after men and women have given their lives to Him who inaugurated the gospel of salvation, but until that time we must remember as Paul has said, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Interview With Secretary of State

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verted to this faith and are considerate, reasonable people. They have their pastors conduct school at the various churches and maintain Bible schools for their ministers and also an orphanage. The general organization sends large quantities of clothing there to the natives each year.

Mr. Hull: Gentlemen, I cannot say just what I can do about it, but I will do my best and let you know.

Mr. Walker: Anything you can do for us will be appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you.

Incidentally, we had to go through two other offices before reaching the office of the Secretary of State; and when we returned through the offices of the under-secretaries, one of the secretaries asked Mr. Kefauver, "Whom did he tell you to see next?"

Mr. Kefauver replied, "He didn't tell us to see anyone else."

Whereupon the secretary, apparently a bit surprised, said, "Well, then he is going to give the matter his personal attention."

This whole affair is, of course, just another time when our people are suffering for the cause of Jesus Christ. Continue to pray. We believe God will help us in this matter.

B T. S. Echoes

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Surely the angels in heaven rejoiced with us that night for the great manifestation of the power of God on the hearts of the students!

These times of deep heart-searching and earnest seeking God with melted hearts will long remain in our memories. When we get back on the fields working for the Lord, we can look back with tender memories at these times when our tears have fallen freely upon those chapel benches and floors as we agonized before God for a closer walk with Him.

This is only a little of the cream on which the students are feasting this term, and our hearts go out to the many who desired to come to Bible School but were hindered in some way. I am so very thankful for the opportunity I have to be in such a spiritual environment and to be separated from the world and its general ungodly influence. — Margaret Winegar, Bastian, Va.

Revivals

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—Truly we are glad for the precious blood of Jesus which covers our souls just now. The Lord has been so good to us that we can never praise Him enough.

Our pastor, Brother B. L. Alford, just closed a revival at the Church of God here in Coffeyville in which the saints were greatly revived and a number were in the altar different nights seeking God. We praise the Lord for the work Brother Alford has been doing here. Our Sunday school is making a rapid increase. Last Sunday, October 12, we had a hundred and three. The church has been lathed and is ready to plaster on the inside next week. God has been working in various ways, His mysteries to perform. Last Tuesday night the Lord came down in such a sweet and wonderful way that it will be long remembered by all who were there. We have God only to give the praise and glory, for He is worthy of all praise. Bless His sweet name! Pray for us that we might all be in the center of His will at all times.—Cora Crossman, 109½ W. 9th.

MOULTRIE, Ga.—We are still enjoying the blessings of God. We just closed one of the best revivals we have had since I have been here. Seventeen were saved, eight sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. God surely blessed in a wonderful way. Only nine sermons were preached. The Holy Ghost would come down; messages were given out and the interpretation would follow. Praise God, one night there was so much power for a few minutes it seemed like we were in the General Assembly. Sisters Mary

D. Howard and E. A. Cox were in charge the last week. Brother Jack Truett stayed over and helped us. Pray for us here.—J. B. Merritt, pastor, Box 404.

CALHOUN, Ga.—We thank God for the revival at Timms Chapel. Three received the Holy Ghost, six were added to the church, and three baptized in water. The saints are greatly revived. Sister Fannie Freeman, of Rome, Ga., was in charge of the services. Praise God, she preached holiness under the power of God.

Pray that God may have His way at Timms Chapel.—Arthur Timms, pastor, Rt. 2.

Report From Wichita Falls, Tex.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—We have a wonderful band of saints here with Brother and Sister Mason as pastor. They are really a blessing to this church and community. They remodeled and enlarged the parsonage last year and are now remodeling the church house. It is surely going to be nice when finished. We have one of the best Y. P. E's and L. W. W. B's in the state. They surely cooperate to put things over for God.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I am in bed with a serious ailment. Thank you in advance for your prayers. —Mrs. W. A. Petty, 1504 Broad St.

A Miraculous Healing

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—I thank my blessed Lord and Redeemer this evening for His great power to heal. Last Sunday evening about church time my oldest boy took seriously ill with acute indigestion, as we supposed. We started to church and the next boy came running after us saying Orville was sick and wanted us to come back. We went back and found him very sick. He kept getting worse and worse. He said, "Mamma, you will have to do something in a hurry." We sent at once and got our good pastor, Brother Dagnan, and the saints and they came. We all fell to our knees calling on God. It seemed the boy got much worse. We certainly did call on our Savior. Then some of the saints thought he was gone but God heard our cry and answered. Bless His good name. The boy began to vomit and got real relief instantly and went to work at twelve o'clock that night. Glory to God!

Oh, dear ones, it pays to trust God. He can do all things. I wasn't the least bit afraid for my boy to die, I felt like he was ready, but as all mothers are, I didn't want to give him up and God let me keep him. Bless His name.

We give all the glory to God.—Evangelist, Mrs. B. H. Clark, 202 Columbian Ave.

Delkograms

D. H. DELK

"Repentance"

"Repent ye." "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

The word "repent" means reconsider, think differently, "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind," "Set your affection on things above," "Of all the acts of man, repentance is the most divine." (Carlyle)



"If you would be good, first believe you are bad." (Epictetus)

Amendment is repentance. Confession without repentance, repentance without confession, and faith without works are DEAD. Repentance is not mere sorrow that sits and weeps, but a moving toward a new,

higher, and BETTER LIFE. It's not just a boo-boo, a bawl, and a squall, and continued empty confession, but it's turning away from sin; QUIT SIN, FORSAKE IT AND TURN AWAY FROM IT.

A lady started to pick a rose and saw a snake. Frightened she turned away, never to go near the rose bush again.

"By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt." He saw the snake.

A little fellow was hurt by a big fellow while playing. At once the little fellow quit playing. After a while the big boy says, "I'm sorry; come back and play." To which he says, "What kind of sorry is it? the kind you won't do it again?"

It's a poor repentance that does not interfere with a repetition. REPENTANCE IS MAKING A RIGHT TURN. THEN FOLLOW STRAIGHT STREET. True repentance is always followed by remorse, and restitution as far as possible. It was so with Zacchaeus, Luke 19.

A man was once robbed of \$100.00. Five years later he received a letter, saying, "Dear Sir, I am filled with remorse to think I could have done such a thing. I am sending you one dollar and a half to ease my conscience." DO YOU CALL THAT RELIGION? In my imagination I hear the Pharisees and Sadducees say to themselves, "In order to be popular, or to be elected for the office I may seek later on, perhaps I had better go down and let John baptize me." But they didn't fool John, he discerned them at

once. See Matt. 3:7-10. Many there be that buy nothing with their money but repentance, REPENTANCE LIKE ESAU'S WAS. When all is consumed, repentance is too late. "You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late." (Fuller) "Whatever stress some may lay upon it, a deathbed repentance is but a weak and slender plank to trust our all upon." (Sterne)

In the case of the thief, it is that we might not despair, neither presume. It's good to carry a broken and contrite heart, GOD WON'T IGNORE IT. I heard one who couldn't talk good say in his testimony, "Preachers ought to tell people to pent," and it's true it wouldn't hurt to bear down a little more on old time repentance; let it come forth out of hearts that the love of God has been shed abroad in by the Holy Ghost. Don't get modernistic and preach it, but preach it in the way and spirit that Christ preached it.

Obituaries

SWANSON

Paul Bernard Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Swanson, was drowned July 1, 1941; age seven years. May God comfort the bereaved hearts.—Mrs. Dora Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

McCLINTOCK

Robert Dean McClintock, one of our most faithful little Juniors, was born Feb. 15, 1936, and killed Aug. 21, 1941.—Mrs. R. H. Flinchum, 80 E. Chestnut St., Washington, Pa.

JAYNES

Sister Ellen Jaynes, departed this life Oct. 2, 1941, to be with Jesus; age sixty-one years.—Mrs. I. E. Wood, Reform, Ala.

SEXTON

Shirley Ann Sexton, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Sexton, departed this life to be with Jesus Sept. 29, 1941; age four months and seventeen days.—Her mother, Holden, W. Va.

The Finger of God in Prophecy

By W. H. Compton. His subject is very timely. This book may be had from the Church of God Publishing House at the price of 50c.

Testimonies

OFFERMAN, Ga.—I am glad to send in a few words in behalf of my case as I promised God if He would heal my body I would testify of it. It seems that is a very little bit to do for as much as He does for us, but praise God, He wants us to praise Him. I know. He knows our weakness but I am glad of His goodness to us. I feel like God wants us to realize our littleness before Him. I want to get closer to Him and lift up His precious name to this lost and dying world.

I have a loving boy out in this dark world who is lost and without God. I ask the prayers of all, that he will become a child of God. I have three others who have gone on and I am trying to be where I can meet them some glad day. My deepest desire is to stay humble at the feet of Jesus till He calls for me. Also, I ask all to lift me up in your prayers. Pray that my home will become more of a home of prayer.—Mrs. Addie Rogers.

A Prayer-Answering God

BARTOW, Fla.—I have been a member of the Church of God for several years and have been truly saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. I was also delivered from the awful smoking habit, which I could have never given up without the help of my precious Savior, for if there was ever a cigarette fiend it was I. He has also healed my body from time to time, once when I knew if He didn't undertake I would not be here long. Brother and Sister Alex J. Duncan came and prayed for me as they were then our pastor, and God instantly healed my body and I've never been sick with that ailment another minute. He doesn't do anything by halves. Why, oh why, shouldn't I press on?

I also praise the Lord for the way He has blessed in Bartow, also for the work Brother and Sister John Allen have done there. We were really sad when they moved on to another church, but feel like they will be a blessing at Nocatee. We also praise the Lord for our present pastor. I feel that He is a real child of God.

Everyone pray for the Bartow Church of God, also for the oncoming revival, that there will be much good accomplished. Brothers and sisters, let's put our shoulder to the wheel and lift up our pastors this year and not criticize them. Let's be of one mind and one accord and much will be accomplished this year.—Ethel Craig.

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2. We will obtain a Special **BONUS PAYMENT** if a specified quantity of coupons is turned in by December 31, 1941.

Help us take full advantage of these offers—please increase your efforts to send us these coupons during the next four months. **THEN**, when we have "made the quota", rejoice with us over the extra income resulting from your effort to . . .

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